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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF MAYOR OF SURABAYA

1. COLONEL SOEKOTJO, ACTING MAYOR OF SURABAYA, TOLD CONSUL APRIL 19 THAT HE WOULD BE REPLACED NEXT MONTH BY COLONEL IMAM MUNANDAR, FORMER KOREM 084 (SURABAYA) COMMANDER AND FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS OR SO

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BRAWIDJAJA DIVISION. SOEKOTJO SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO HIS FORMER ASSIGNMENT WITH THE ARMY IN MALANG. SOEKOTJO' S TERM AS WIOR EXPIRED IN NOVEMBER 1972 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED ACTING MAYOR. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION LOCALLY

ABOUT WHO HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD BE BUT IMIM WAS NOT AMONG THOSE RUMORED TO BE IN LINE.

2. COMMENT: SOEKOTJO SEEMED TO BE A DEDICATED MAYOR AND DESERVES HIGH MARKS FOR HIS EFFORTS IN PLANNING. HE WAS BY REPUTATION ONLY MODERATELY CORRUPT PERSONALLY. HE DID NOT RUN A TYPE ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, AND THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CORRUPTION IN CITY AGENCIES. SOEKOTJO DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE PRESTIGE THAT SHOULD HAVE ACCRUED TO HIS POSITION AS THE HEAD OF INDONESIA' S SECOND LARGEST CITY WITH A POPULATION PROBABLY IN EXCESS OF TWO MILLION. RANDOLPH

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